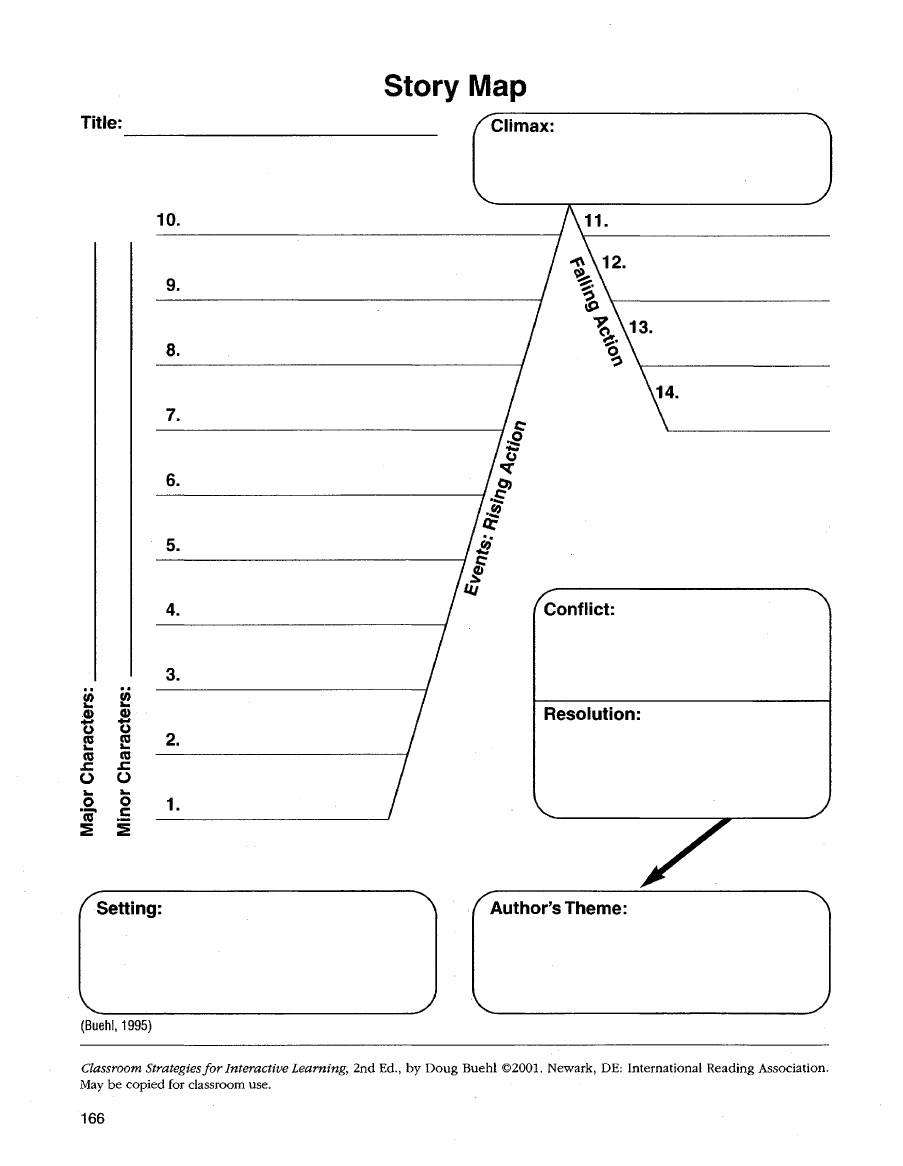
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**Notes:** Motifs and symbols are rampant. Geography is important as it sets characters apart and sets the tone for confrontation. Weather in the novel reflects the feelings of the characters. The green light is a symbol of hope for Gatsby for his future. The valley of ashes where myrtle lives represents the moral decay of society. The eyes of Doctor T. J. Eckleburg are a pair of fading, bespectacled eyes painted on an old advertising billboard over the valley of ashes they represent the eyes of God watching our moral decline (GEORGE) or the eyes of society.

Nick is an unreliable narrator. The “great” Gatsby was just a man who invented himself to fit a mold he designed at 17. Nothing about his persona was real. Daisy, though spoiled is not stupid but says she hopes her daughter will grow up to be a beautiful little fool. (so she will not see what is going on around her such as a husbands infidelity and the decline of society)

Nick arrives in West Egg. He goes to visit his cousin Daisy. Has dinner with Tom, D, and Jordan. C. 1

Tom takes Nick to get Myrtle and they throw a horrid party in the apartment Tom keeps for his affair. C. 2

Nick and Jordan decide to date.

G & Nick served together in the war.

Nick and Jordan discover the host of the party and meet G.

Nick arrives to find Jordan.

N receives an invite to the mysterious G’s party. C. 3

G asks Nick to invite D for tea. C. 5

Nick and G have lunch in New York with Meyer Wolfsheim whom G is in business with which means that G gets his $ illegally.

On the drive to NY, G tells Nick of his past. All of it is LIES c. 4

G & D reunite at Nicks house. G tells D about his plans for them and the future. C. 5

Tom stops for a drink at Gatsby’s house while out riding. Gatsby tells Tom awkwardly that he knows Daisy. Gatsby invites Tom to stay for dinner, he refuses. To be polite, he invites Gatsby to dine with them, he accepts, not realizing the insincerity of the invitation. C. 6

Tom and Daisy attend G’s party. Have a poor time due to the low level of class. C. 6

Everyone is at Tom and Daisy’s house. Tom is sure that G & D are having an affair. Daisy suggests that they go to New York. They do and get a room at the Plaza Hotel. Tom confronts Gatsby. C. 7

Nick visits Gatsby who relates everything to him. Nick leaves and tells Gatsby that he is worth more than the Buchanans. Gatsby goes for a swim. George has discovered the car and assumes Gastby was driving and shoots him as he floats in th pool. George kills himself. C. 8

Nick tries to hold a funeral for Gatsby. Tom and Daisy move with no forwarding address. C. 9

Gatsby is killed by George after taking the blame for Myrtle’s death and being rejected by Daisy. Nick attends the funeral, but none of Gatsby’s friend, only his father.Nick goes home to Minnesota.

Nick finds Tom and Daisy eating dinner, having made up. Gatsby is left alone in the moonlight pining for Daisy. C. 7

Daisy, Tom, and Nick head home and find Myrtle has been hit by a Gatsby’s car. At Daisy’s house Gatsby hides in the bushes and tells Nick that Daisy was driving, but he will take the blame. He sends Nick to check on Daisy.

Tom sends Daisy back home with Gatsby because he knows that Daisy will not leave him. C. 7

1. Daisy and Gatsby reunite (ch. 5-6)
2. Tom and Gatsby fight at Plaza Hotel (ch. 7)

Gatsby became rich in order to win Daisy but his past and breeding make him nothing more than a fling, which he fails to see.

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**Jordan Baker** –Daisy’s friend, Nick’s date, golfer, cheats, lies

**Myrtle Wilson-** Tom’s lover, wife to George, hit by car and killed

**George Wilson-** owner of auto shop

**Meyer Wolfsheim** – mob boss, friend of Gatsby (partner?)

**Nick Carraway**- narrator, cousin to Daisy, neighbor to Gatsby, Yale grad, WWI vet, tolerant, slow to judge, has family money, in NY to learn bond business

**Jay Gatsby-** protagonist, lover of Daisy, wealthy, bootlegger, actually James Gatz, dishonest, not refined, “great” because of optimism and ability to succeed.

**Daisy Buchanan**- married to Tom, socialite, cynical

**Tom Buchanan-** rich, married to Daisy, always unfaithful, arrogant, racist, elitist, bully, social connected

Decline of the American Dream

Shallowness of the rich

West Egg district of Long Island New York (unfashionable but wealthy, home of Gatsby and Nick)

East Egg district (socially connected, wealthy, home of Daisy)

1920’s – The Jazz Age- Prohibition